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## FROM YOUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### Plain Township Continues To Utilize Grants For Growth

Plain Township continues to apply for grants to help our community grow, whether through property acquisition or infrastructure improvements. Recently, Plain Township has been awarded several grants to accomplish both.

Through the Destination Enhancement Grant, Visit Canton awarded Plain Township \$50,000 to help construct a playground on the new amphitheater property. The purpose of the playground is to provide families and residents with a place to gather, eat, and play while visiting Oakwood Square Plaza. The playground will complement the planned shade structures and fire pits to create a family and community gathering space. Township officials completed a digital application and were chosen as finalists for a Zoom interview by members of Visit Canton's Destination Enhancement Grant Committee. Plain Township made a strong case for a playground to cap off the amphitheater project, which would be possible only through the awarding of grant dollars. Visit Canton recognized the value of the project to our community and awarded the total amount requested to Plain Township. The project is slated for completion in 2023.

Plain Township was also awarded an Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) NatureWorks grant for the addition of pickleball courts as well as for the renovation of a tennis court at Al Leno Park. This project will be located at the current site of the existing tennis courts. It will feature four pickleball courts and one court for tennis. Fencing between the courts to act as barriers and boundaries will also be installed. Slated for completion in 2023, the addition of pickleball courts creates local facilities in Plain Township for the fastest growing physical activity nationwide, across all ages. The renovation of the tennis court will continue to serve the residents the park has always served, making

this a win-win project for our community. Plain Township has applied multiple times for this grant and township officials were elated to be awarded funding for such a sought-after project.

Through a multi-year partnership with the Western Reserve Land Conservancy, Muskingum Watershed District, and the Ohio Public Works Commission, Plain Township secured the Natural Resource Assistance Council of Stark County (NRAC) grant and the Watershed Management Grant through the Muskingum Watershed District to secure the acquisition of Monarch Meadows. Funding was also received by the Stark Community Foundation for this project. Monarch Meadows is a parcel of land comprising just over 19 acres, which sits between Veterans Park and Compassion Church on Schneider Street. During the intensive work and research process, it was determined that some level 3 wetlands were present on this property. Level 3 is a designation given to wetlands which contain or provide habitat for threatened or endangered species. In this case, the Tri-colored bat, which is on the state's endangered species list, makes its home in Monarch Meadows. The acquisition of the land is to preserve these pristine wetlands and natural habitats in their current condition. The property will provide educational opportunities for students, wildlife viewing for visitors, and the aesthetic beauty the field of goldenrod provides every fall.

Procuring these grant dollars provides necessary resources for Plain Township to implement quality projects and provide needed public services our township would otherwise be unable to afford. Projects like these contribute to making Plain Township a great place to live, work, and play.

### Do Not Knock Registry

Due to a recent change in Ohio Law that deals with transient vendors, Plain Township can no longer curtail a transient vendor's ability to knock on doors in residential neighborhoods. To abide with the new laws, the Board of Trustees have enacted a revised Township Transient Vendor Regulation. The new guidelines will adopt the Registration and Regulation of Transient Vendors or "door-to-door" sales.

Township residents that do not wish to be bothered by door-to-door sales people will need to add their addresses to the Plain Township "DO NOT KNOCK" Registry.

Once your address is on the registry, the Township will send you a sticker that must be displayed on or near your front door or window which states, "NO SOLICITORS". If you sign up for this registry and display the sticker, all vendors going door-to-door are prohibited from knocking on your door.

To be added to the "Do Not Knock" registry, please visit the Plain Township Zoning Department at 2600 Easton St. NE, Canton, Ohio, in person, so we can provide you with a window sticker. Please also bring proof of residency such as a utility bill, driver's license, etc. Registry forms are available online under the Zoning Department tab. This registry excludes those representing any entity exempt from taxation under Section 5709.04 of the Ohio Revised Code (i.e. students selling items for school fundraisers, Boy/Girl Scouts, etc.).



Once your address is added to the registry, your address stays on the list until:

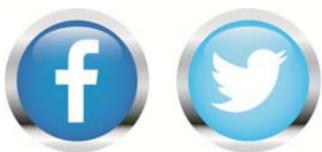
- The Township receives notice/request for removal.
- The Township receives notice that you are no longer residing at the registered address.

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<b>Plain Local Youth Football</b> www.plainlocalyouthfootball.org	(330)451-6480
<b>Big Dog Lacrosse</b> www.bigdoglacrosse.com	(330)309-5669
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# Parks Department

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## Splash Pad at Veterans Park



With the end of the winter rapidly approaching, it is time to start getting outside and enjoying all of what your Plain Township Parks offer. The Splash Pad at Veterans Park, located across from GlenOak High School at 1714 Schneider St. NE, Canton, 44721, is scheduled to open Friday, May 26th, 2023.

The splash pad will be operational daily from 10:00am -7:00pm. It is open to the public at large. It displays several water features for people of all ages and abilities. All children not completely potty trained are required to wear swim diapers for the health and safety of all users. The shelter at Veterans Park is available for reservation. The reservation of the shelter does not include exclusive use of the splash pad, but does include the pavilion, tables, grill, and trash cans within its structure. All other park amenities remain open to the public at large.

The Splash Pad at Veterans Park will remain open through Labor Day weekend before shutting down for the season. We encourage all to spend your day at the park and enjoy the splash pad, playground, disc golf course, walking trail, dog park and the Veterans Memorial Hillside monuments dedicated to the men and women of the armed forces. We look forward to seeing you and your family at the park!

## North Canton YMCA Fit and Fabulous with Carly

Fit and Fabulous with Carly, a class for Active Older Adults, will continue throughout the spring at the Plain Township Hall on Thursdays at 10:00am. The class focuses on increasing muscular strength, range of movement and activities for daily living. For more information, please contact Melissa Svetlich at 330-499-2587 or by email: [m Svetlich@ymacastark.org](mailto:m Svetlich@ymacastark.org).



**THE PLAIN TOWNSHIP DOG PARK** will be closed for maintenance in the Spring. The exact date is dependent on weather conditions. Believe us, our dogs don't like it either but our dog park is natural grass, not turf, so yearly maintenance is required. We will keep you posted on social media for the exact date it closes and reopens.

# Want To Rent a Shelter? Heres How:

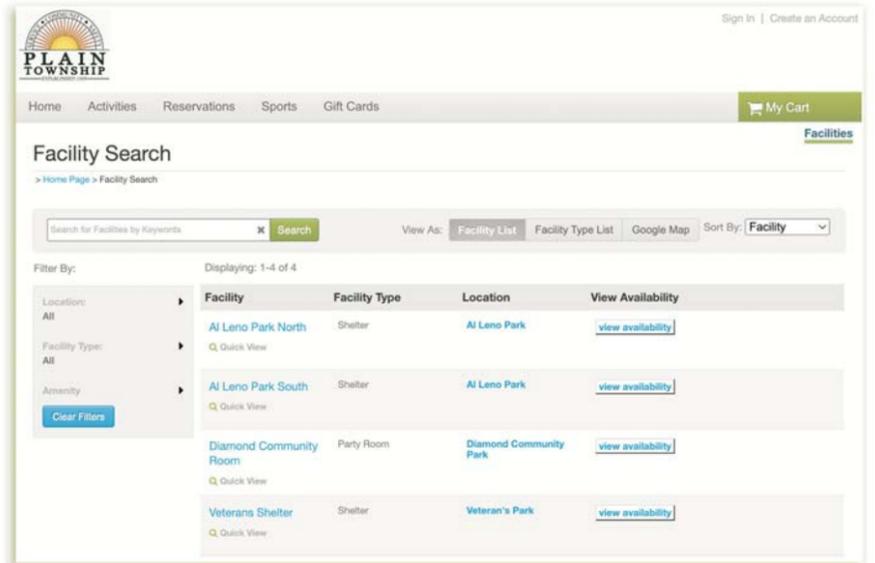
Shelters are one of the most popular amenities in your Plain Township Parks System. People of all ages and abilities take advantage of a beautiful park setting for their birthday and graduation parties, family reunions, wedding and baby showers and other special occasions. The shelters are a great place to gather, celebrate, and enjoy the unique amenities of each park.

All our shelters can be rented online at your convenience 24 hours a day from the comfort of your home. Visit [apm.activecommunities.com/plaintownship](http://apm.activecommunities.com/plaintownship) or go to [plaintownshipstarkoh.gov](http://plaintownshipstarkoh.gov) and click the hyperlink on the homepage. You must create an account, select your desired park and shelter, along with the date, and time of your event. After you complete your online payment, you should print and review your reservation permit. Your permit serves as your documentation that the shelter is booked during your selected date and time. Bring that permit with you to your reservation. Please include setup and tear down time into your reservation window as we allow multiple reservations per day. Your rented space needs to be cleaned and vacated by the end of your reservation time and ready for the next rental. Shelters are \$10 per hour with a \$10 nonrefundable administrative fee for residents and \$30 per hour with a \$10 nonrefundable administrative fee for nonresidents.

We have 3 beautiful outdoor shelters to select from. Al Leno Park off Alpine Street is home to the North and South outdoor shelters. The South shelter is closest to the indoor restroom. At Veterans Park, the outdoor shelter is located near the playground and splash pad. Diamond Community Park hosts an indoor community room inside of the Diamond Indoor Sports Complex.

When renting the Diamond Park Community Room, be on the lookout for an email from [lbeskitt@plaintownshipstarkoh.gov](mailto:lbeskitt@plaintownshipstarkoh.gov) with instructions on how to access the room.

If you have a question about your rental during normal business hours, please contact (330) 492-4689 and we will happily assist you.



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# Plain Township Historical Society

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email: preservingplaintwp@gmail.com

## 2023 EVENT SCHEDULE... *Mark your calendars!*

**Location: Plain Township Hall 2600 Easton St NE**  
**7:00 pm - 9:00 pm unless otherwise noted**

- Mar 15: Quarterky Fundraiser - McDonald's (6302 Market Ave N) 4-8 pm.
- Mar 20: "Labor of Love - The Jessie Borrowway Story" Presenter: Mark Holland
- Apr 17: "Plain Township Fire Dept. Significant Events Throughout the Year"  
Location: Central Fire Station on Schneider Rd. Presenter: John Sabo
- May 15: "How Jewelry Reflects History" Presenter: Susan Henry
- Jun 19: PTHS Covered Dish Picnic - 5-8pm, Veterans Park. Celebrating our members who are 90+ years young!



## Fire Department History Preservation Project

Part of our mission statement is preserving our history. We continue to partner with the Plain Township Fire Department and their Alumni to capture their history. We have scanned over 4,000 photos and now we are starting to collect specific information on different aspects. There are many of you out there that have ties to the fire department, consider contacting us and sharing items such as: uniforms, badges, helmets, photos, stories, equipment, articles, histories, rosters, equipment lists, ladies luxiliary, fireman festivals, building/location information, levies and more. We are still looking for information on the Cairo, Middlebranch and Easton Street Fire Stations. It is not too late to join in and share your piece of the puzzle. If you are not sure if we are interested in the items, check with us. We can scan and return photos and paper items if desired.

## Visit Our Community Displays

Looking for something to do on Saturdays from 10am-2pm? Stop by the Louisville-Nimishillen Historical Society Museum in downtown Louisville and check out our new display for 2023. We are pleased to continue this partnership that allows us to share our history with those in the community. Also, don't forget to stop by the Plain Branch of the Stark County District Library located at GlenOak High School and check out the display area. Our display is always a good read.

## So how can you help?

Learn more about the history of our area and share that history with others. We are always looking for volunteers. Support our fundraisers. Come to one of our free monthly meetings that are open to the public. Consider donating and sharing of your piece of the history puzzle. We can digitize your items and return them, or give them a permanent home. Thank you for your support and to our partners for providing opportunities to share our history.

## History on the Move

We are getting ready to kick off our event season and we need your help. If you or someone you know has any information or items related to the two topics below, please contact us so we can share these stories with the community.

**Quilts of Plain Township:** We are looking for quilts that were made by people in Plain Township, churches and other organizations within Plain Township. Each quilt tells a story and we are looking for several different examples and the stories that come with them. Several quilts have crossed our paths that belong to churches and we hope to document more. Also, any information on quilting in general will be helpful.

**4H Clubs of Plain Township:** If you were a 4H member, have items to share (or donate) from your 4H days, and/or have any historical knowledge about any of the 4H groups, please contact us. We are looking to explore this part of Plain Township's rural past.

If you can provide information about the above two topics, please contact us via one of the methods below. Thank you to everyone that supported us through donations, volunteering and making connections in the community.



## A Snapshot of History

The glass plate negative above, from the late 1890s, was donated by the Graening family who have lived in Middlebranch for several generations. The house still stands today at the corner of Middlebranch Ave. and Werner Church Rd. The house to the left sits on the site of Middlebranch Elementary School (formerly Middlebranch High School.)

If you have any additional information on these houses, please let us know. Also, we are always on the lookout for photos of houses across the years so we can track how the area has changed. Just like the photo to the left shows, there were houses on the site of the original Middlebranch High School.



## Rx drop off Reminder:

Although we no longer have a drug drop off box at the Township Hall, you may drop off prescription drugs at the following locations:

- Stark County Sheriff's Office: 4500 Atlantic Blvd. NE**
- North Canton Police Department: 145 North Main St.**
- North Canton CVS Pharmacy: 1339 North Main St.**



# Zoning Department

330-492-4686

## Is It Legal to Put up Business Signs on the Side of the Road?

Any sign or device located within a public right-of-way shall be deemed a public nuisance and can be removed by the Plain Township Road Department Superintendent without any written notice. What is the public right-of-way? It is public property and is generally any property that sits between a utility pole and the shoulder of the roadway.



Plain Township is stepping up efforts to remove illegal temporary signs on public property that adversely affect the appearance of streetscapes, neighborhoods, and business districts throughout the Township. To halt the proliferation of illegal signs, Plain Township Street Maintenance crews will remove and dispose of temporary signs located within the public right-of-way which includes tree lawns throughout the Township. Sign removal will occur during the crews' routine work assignments in the neighborhoods.

Examples of illegal temporary signs include real estate and other business signs, placards, garage sale signs and various advertisements placed on utility poles or in the public right-of-way. These kinds of signs are an unsightly blemish on the appearance of our neighborhoods and business districts. The quantity and variety of signs that are cropping up on street corners and along roadways are a distraction, and they can pose a visual barrier to motorists. We must discourage this practice for the sake of our neighborhoods. We are asking residents to be more conscious of any signs along their own property and encourage everyone to help rid our community of unnecessary and unsightly clutter. The result is a cleaner, safer, more attractive township.

### PROHIBITED SIGN TYPES

- Signs that are applied to trees, utility poles, benches, trash receptacles, newspaper vending machines or boxes, or any other unapproved supporting structure, or otherwise placed in the public right-of-way
- Any sign or sign structure which in the opinion of the Zoning Inspector is structurally unsafe, or constitutes a hazard to safety or health by reason of inadequate maintenance, dilapidation, or abandonment
- Signs that employ any parts or elements which revolve, rotate, whirl, spin or otherwise make use of motion to attract attention except for electronic message centers permitted in accordance with the Plain Township Zoning Resolution
- Laser lights, beacons, and searchlights, except for emergency purposes
- Motor vehicles, tractor trailers, or similar vehicles with signs painted on, attached to, or otherwise affixed to the vehicle shall not be parked or stored long-term on a lot as a form of signage. This standard does not apply to vehicles used in the day-to-day business of the applicable use (e.g., delivery vehicles or vehicles used by employees). Vehicles with signage that are parked for more than 24-hours on a lot without a principal use or parked, without any movement, for more than one week on a lot with a principal use, shall be considered a violation of this subsection.
- Any signs that utilize illumination by means of bare bulbs, flames, or both
- Any signs which imitate or resemble official traffic or governmental signs that are designed or used in a manner as to interfere with, mislead, or confuse drivers along streets
- Any sign that violates the traffic visibility requirements
- Any sign located in a public right-of-way
- Signs mounted to light poles

## Fiscal Officer/ Finance 330-493-1366

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The Fiscal Office is responsible for Plain Township's Investment Policy and Portfolio. The township can invest cash reserves and earn interest income on those reserves. Our current Fiscal Officer is an experienced CPA. The Fiscal Office has performed cash flow analysis and reviewed the investment options available to Plain Township. The Fiscal Officer has completed additional training through the Ohio Treasurer's office which allowed Plain Township to utilize additional investment options.



A properly allocated investment portfolio can maximize the interest income that Plain Township receives. That increase that Plain Township receives goes to the General Fund. The changes that have been made to the cash reserve allocations have greatly increased the interest income that Plain Township receives monthly, despite historically low interest rates. Plain Township's interest income is now averaging over \$30,000 per month.

Your Plain Township Fiscal Office continues to evaluate the investment earnings of Plain Township to ensure the greatest rate of return while maintaining safe and secure investments. Your money deserves proper supervision.

## Car washing

Spring is a great time for cleaning up inside and outside the home. However, when you spruce up your car, think of going to a local car wash vs. hosing it down at home. This actually saves water and reduces runoff to our waterways that contains soap and debris.

A standard garden hose uses about 10 gallons per minute. If you wash your car for 10 minutes, you might consume 100 gallons of water. While hosing with an automatic shut-off valve may save more water, it's still recommended to take your car to a commercial car wash that can properly dispose of harmful runoff (debris, oil, harmful soaps, etc.). Commercial car washes also have sophisticated reclamation systems that enable them to re-use water, so they only expend approximately 9-15 gallons of water during any given wash cycle.





# Fire Department

330-492-4089



## Rotary



### The Rotary Club of Plain Township Heroes in Uniform Dinner, Dance and Auction Fundraiser

**Saturday, April 15, 2023, 6pm-10pm**

**MAPS Museum-1st Level hanger**

**2260 International Pkwy, North Canton, Ohio 44720**

**Dress: Optional-Armed Services or First Responder Attire**

**Tickets: \$75.00 per person**

Tickets Include: Music by LaFlavour, Catered Dinner, Activities, Live Auction, Silent Auction, 50/50, Coin Game, Wine Pull and Cash Bar. Proceeds go to the Plain Township Fire Department for the purchase of Knox boxes, Smoke detectors & Equipment.

**For ticket or additional information contact:**

**John McMasters email - stangamust@gmail.com or 330-903-2689**

**Bob Schaffner email - rschaffner@neo.rr.com or 330-705-5185**

### The Plain Township Fire Department Scholarship Award 2023



The Plain Township Fire Department and Plain Township Firefighter/Paramedic Union Local 2967 are offering \$500 scholarships to high school seniors that live in Plain Township. Applications can be downloaded by clicking the link or by going to our website at [plaintownshipstarkoh.gov](http://plaintownshipstarkoh.gov) and go to Departments and click on Fire & Rescue. Applications can also be picked up at the Central Fire Station located at 1742 Schneider Street NE. Monday-Friday from 8am-4:30pm. The deadline to submit the application is April 15, 2023.

### Plain Township Firefighters

#### Presents "Fly the Flag"

The Plain Township Firefighters will place a 3' X 5' flag in your yard before each of the six listed holidays and pick it up after the holiday. The flag will stay in your yard for up to one week. A 20" long plastic pipe will be buried in your front yard permanently flush with the ground, to hold the flag staff. The Plain Township Firefighters will be offering this service to residents and businesses within Plain Township.

- Memorial Day
- Flag Day
- Fourth of July
- Labor Day
- Patriots Day
- Veteran's Day

The cost for this service is only \$30.00 per calendar year.

Profits will be used for Firefighter Charitable funds & Scholarships.

**SIGN UP NOW DON'T WAIT**

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IS THIS A GIFT? \_\_\_\_\_ GIFT GIVERS NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLACEMENT & UTILITIES:** The hole for the plastic pipe is drilled 20 inches deep, usually 3ft from the curb and 3 ft from the driveway. Are there any underground utilities in the lawn from 0-20 inches below the surface, such as drains.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

For more information:

Phone: 330-492-4089 or E-mail

[flytheflag@plaintownshipstarkoh.gov](mailto:flytheflag@plaintownshipstarkoh.gov)

The flag and staff will remain the property of Plain Township Firefighters and will be removed after each holiday.

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:**

Plain Township Firefighters Local 2967

1742 Schneider Road NE.

Canton, Ohio 44720

## House Numbers

Being able to locate your residence or business is critical to aiding safety professionals in responding to an emergency. Residents can obtain signs with a BLUE metal background and large reflective numbers by completing the form below and sending it along with a check for \$16.00 to:

Plain Township Paramedics  
1742 Schneider Road NE.  
Canton, Ohio 44721

For Questions, call the Fire Department at (330)492-4089



#### House Number Order Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Number to be printed on sign: \_\_\_\_\_

Direction of sign : Horizontal or : Vertical

All proceeds benefit the Plain Township Fire/Paramedic Association.

## E-Waste Recycling



Due to ongoing technological advancement, many electronic products become obsolete within a very short period, creating a surplus of unwanted electronic products or "E-waste." Disposing of E-waste in landfills has the potential to cause severe human and environmental health impacts.

Plain Township and **ecycle Solution of Ohio** is hosting an ecycle event on April 15th from 9 am - 2 pm at 2855 Easton St NE (the old fire station) Visit [ecycleohio.com/material.html](http://ecycleohio.com/material.html) to find a list of acceptable items that can be recycled. Please note that fees apply for some items.

## Yard Waste Recycling

The Plain Township Yard Waste drop-off site opens for the season on Friday, March 3rd. The site is open from 8am to 8pm every Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. This amenity is for residents only. You must be a resident of Plain Township regardless of the school district you reside in.

The site requires a key card issued by the Township. Only one key card per residential household in the unincorporated area of the Township will be issued. To obtain a key card, residents may register on-line by going to [www.plaintownshipstarkoh.gov](http://www.plaintownshipstarkoh.gov) and click on the Yard Waste Link on the home page. A credit card and email address are required to complete registration successfully.

The key card expires one year from the date of purchase. If you registered on-line using your credit card and that credit card is still active, it will automatically renew on that date. NOTHING FURTHER IS REQUIRED.

If your credit card information has changed, please call (330) 492-4689 to update your information. DO NOT register again as this creates a duplicate record in our system. If

you registered in person and paid by cash or check, you will need to come in to renew your card on or before your expiration date. **Do not dispose of your key card. You will keep the same card regardless of how you registered.**



Residents who do not have access to a computer may register at the Plain Township Administrative Office between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm. **If registering at the Plain Township Administrative Office, please bring a check or exact cash payment as we do not have change available.**

The Plain Township Board of Trustees is happy to provide this service to our residents and grateful for the partnership with Earth n Wood who pick up the yard waste!



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- August 20 – Six @ Playhouse Sq**
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## Nixle Emergency Notifications

The Plain Township Board of Trustees has a community notification service available to all residents, businesses, schools and organizations within Plain Township. This service is called "Nixle." It is a way for our Sheriff's Office, Road, Fire and Parks Departments to communicate quickly and effectively to our residents in case of a township emergency or event. The Nixle service lets us reach out to residents to inform them of events like road closures, snow bans, amber alerts, severe weather, and township wide events (just to name a few) by using email, texting or voice messaging.

To register for Nixle, either text your zip code to 888777 or go to [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com). After selecting the "Nixle" link, you may register by entering your zip code in the field provided and clicking Go! On the next screen you will see a Sign Up Now box. Stay safe! Stay connected!

**Have a pair  
of old  
eyeglasses?**



Donate them to someone in need by dropping them off in the drop box at Plain Township Hall, located at 2600 Easton Street NE, Canton, OH 44721 Monday-Friday from 8:00am-4:30pm.



*Please drive slowly and safely when you see our police, fire, road, and parks crews working in and around the township.*

Help us to keep our crews safe so they can go home to their families! We know work and safety zones can affect your drive time, but these improvements and services are critical to keeping our roadways and communities safe.



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## Stark County Sheriff

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### Dear Friends,

By the time this spring newsletter hits your mailbox, I'm hoping we are through the worst of the winter weather for the season but you just never know in Ohio! A quick reminder, **March 19th -25th is Severe Weather Awareness Week** in Ohio along with a statewide tornado drill on March 22, 2023. Our weather can be very unpredictable and dangerous in this area. With spring on the horizon, it becomes very important that you keep an eye on the sky and use caution when severe weather is in the area. As every Ohioan knows, weather can change in an instant.

Weather in many areas can be complicated and difficult to predict. As I looked at predictions from the 2023 Farmer's Almanac, I noticed that they are predicting April to be a stormy month and referred to us seeing a "turbulent transition to warmth" this year. I wanted to share a few tips and reminders with the community to help you during severe weather. Remember that lightning can strike up to 10 miles from a storm. It is not safe to go outside until at least 30 minutes after a storm. To help protect against injury and property damage, you should keep trees trimmed appropriately and secure loose objects that could easily blow away.

In the event of a tornado, you should seek shelter within your home. According to the National Weather Service, the basement or interior room away from windows are the best places to go. If you have children in the home, you should practice tornado drills with them. Keep in mind that a tornado watch means that conditions could become favorable for a tornado to develop. It is important to keep a close eye on the sky and weather forecasts during tornado watches. A tornado warning means that a tornado is happening or about to happen. In the event that a tornado warning is issued for your area, you need to immediately take cover!

During times of heavy rain, some neighborhoods and roadways become quickly flooded. If you expect flooding near your home, try to elevate belongings to protect from flooding. If you come upon a flooded roadway, it is critical that you not drive through the water or

try to walk, swim or wade through it. Oftentimes, there can be strong currents going through flooded areas that can carry a person or even a vehicle away. There can also be hidden dangers in the water such as garbage, debris and downed power lines and even the roadway underneath could be washed away. Remember, "Turn Around, Don't Drown."

Spring is also a good time to review a few home security tips and re-evaluate your property. Take a look around your home and make a plan to "burglarize" yourself. This may help you identify weak spots that you may not have noticed before. Here are a few basic tips and reminders:

- Lock your windows and doors even if you are only leaving for a short time
- Make your home look occupied at all times by using lights, timers and radios or televisions
- Upgrade door and window locks as burglars often look for the easiest targets. If you lost a key, change your locks immediately.
- Consider installing motion lights, cameras and a security system.
- If you plan to be gone for a significant period of time, have a trusted neighbor keep an eye out for suspicious activity at your home.
- Close blinds or keep valuables out of plain sight through first floor windows and doors.
- Keep your garage door closed, even if you are home. You don't want to advertise your possessions to would-be thieves or make it easy to grab something and run.

*I hope everyone is able to take something valuable away from these tips and reminders. I want everyone in Plain Township and Stark County to have a great 2023!*



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## News and Reminders

### Spring Maintenance:

The road crew will be sweeping all township streets beginning in April (weather permitting). Yard repairs from snowplow damage will begin in early April (weather permitting) in the order that the requests were received. If you see a pothole on a township road, please call the Plain Township Road Department at 330-492-3423. Repairs will be made as soon as we are aware of the obstruction.



### Permits Required:

Permits can be obtained and paid for on the Plain Township website under the Road Department section.

### Road Opening Permits:

A permit is required for any excavation in the township right-of-way. The fee for this permit is \$75.00.

### Driveway Permits:

A permit is required for new construction or any other improvements you make to your existing driveway. This permit gives you instructions for paving and apron requirements. The fee for this permit is \$20.00.

### Prevent Drainage Problems:

You can help prevent drainage problems by remembering not to blow or rake leaves, grass clippings, or other debris into the storm sewers, ditches, or streets, as this is not only in violation of ORC 3767.17, but it will also help to reduce many drainage and flooding problems during heavy rain falls.



Please also remember that it is illegal to dump oil, antifreeze, herbicides, pesticides, or other hazardous products into ditches, culverts, or catch basins. All violators will be prosecuted! If you see dumping taking place, please report it to the Stark County Health Department by calling 330-493-9904.

### Trees, Bushes, & Hedges:

Please trim back your trees, bushes, hedges, etc. that causes sight problems for drivers. The township is NOT held responsible for trees in the right-of-way!

### Hoops & Garbage Cans:

Portable and permanent basketball hoops are very popular throughout Plain Township. Please remember that no basketball hoops or garbage cans are permitted to be placed in the right-of-way. The Plain Township Trustees ask that these hoops be moved immediately.



*Thank you!*

## Road Dept. 2022 Year End Report

During 2022, the Road Dept. crew completed 3,974 work order requests for services such as paving, street sweeping, catch basin repairs, curb & gutter repair/replacement, drainage, vactoring, snowplowing, and de-icing of township roads.

The Road Dept. completed the following work:

### ROAD PAVING

- Paved 14.85 miles of road

### CURB & GUTTER REPLACEMENT

- Replaced/repared a total of 1,303 feet of concrete curb and gutter (in-house)

### CULVERT REPLACEMENT

- Installed, replaced, or repared 6,454 ft. of culvert pipe
- Installed or repared 175 catch basins
- Reconstructed 1,206 ft. of roadside ditches

### PAVEMENT MARKING

- Striped 18 miles of center line
- Striped 33.6 miles of edge line

### VECTOR & STREET SWEEPING

- Flushed/cleaned 3,861 ft. pipe
- Cleaned 160 catch basins
- Swept 350 curb miles of road

## Road Dept. Accolades



**Chris Woods** was a new addition to the Road Department in January of 2023. Chris previously worked in our Parks Department where he started in 2021. He's a township resident and a 2021 GlenOak graduate. Congratulations Chris!



**Bill Kopp** was promoted to Project Inspector in January of 2023. Bill started as an Operator / Laborer with the Road Department in 2020. He is a township resident and graduate of GlenOak High School. He looks forward to continuing to serve the residents of Plain Township. Congratulations Bill!



STARK SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

# Upcoming Programs



### Pond Workshop

March 29th (6:00 p.m.) at USDA Conference Room, 2650 Richville Dr. SE, Massillon

Looking to rejuvenate an old stagnant pond? Join us for a presentation with Alec Hillyer, Aquatic Biologist, with Dynamic Lake and Land Management. He will present information on managing your pond so you can improve its visual appeal and overall ecological health.

Register for the workshop by visiting [starkswcd.org](http://starkswcd.org) or calling the District at 330-451-7645.



### Introduction to Rain Gardens

April 10th (6:00 p.m.) at Sandy Valley Branch (Stark Library) 9754 Cleveland Ave. SE, Magnolia

Join Stark Soil & Water to learn about rain gardens, how they help the environment, their benefits, and how you can become a Master Rain Gardener!

Register for the workshop by visiting [starkswcd.org](http://starkswcd.org) or calling the Sandy Valley Branch at 330-866-3366.



### Storm Water & Severe Weather

April 24th (6:00 p.m.) at Perry Sippo Branch (Stark Library) 5710 12th St. NW, Canton

Always be prepared! Learn about storm water and severe weather in Stark County, and the steps you can take to manage storm water and severe weather at home.

Register for the workshop by visiting [starkswcd.org](http://starkswcd.org) or calling the Perry Sippo Branch at 330-477-8482

Scan to visit the Stark Soil & Water Education page for more future programs



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